



Ocean Friendly Gardens Program

Next Steps - *after the Basics Class*

San Diego Surfrider OFG Program

The San Diego Surfrider OFG Committee wants to support you in applying CPR in your yard, your neighbor's and in public spaces – because every OFG helps to revive our oceans and watershed. The OFG Committee and our partners have set up follow-up events:

- **Hands-On Workshops (HOW)** – to learn CPR practices by applying them in landscape, starting with the topic of Site Evaluation: Sunday, September 26, 11am-2pm.
- **Garden Assistance Program (GAP)** – Workdays, like barn-raising, to build an OFG: Sunday, October 24, 10am-4pm.
- **Lawn Patrol** – neighborhood walks to develop an eye for OFG & CPR and identify opportunities: planning for mid-September.
- **OFG Yard Sign** – put in the yard of an OFG – like the one we help build at the GAP Workday or yours - to educate and inspire.

Surfrider will email you the location for the HOW, GAP and Lawn Patrol when they are determined. Check the San Diego Surfrider website (www.surfridersd.org). Also:

- **Kristy Rygiel, City of Encinitas Clean Water Program**, KRygiel@ci.encinitas.ca.us, 760-633-2787
- **Felice Tacktil, SDWD** ftacktil@cityofencinitas.org, 760-633-2676
- **Joey Randall at OMWD** jrandall@olivenhain.com, 760-753-6466 x148

Apply CPR when you go home

While OFG Committee and the City organize OFG events, you can get started:

- **Landscape uses** - Walk around your home and sit down in it with paper and pencil, jotting down notes and sketching out current uses and ideas you have.
- **Models** - Walk around your neighborhood, see what others have done and ask them how they did it.
- Then draw upon OFG Program tools and public resources listed below.

Ready to do it yourself? Go for it (& call Dig-Alert: 811). Document your progress & (e)mail us so we can share it with others and show our sponsors. Apply CPR:

- **Conservation**
 - Use drip irrigation, replace spray heads with rotors, adjust sprinklers down in cooler months and up in warmer one (watering index at www.bewaterwise.com). Get a weather-based irrigation controller.
 - Make sure your sprinklers are not hitting hard surfaces.
 - Use climate appropriate/native plants, replace turf and plant trees, esp. on south and west sides of your home to provide summer shade.
 - Take synthetic fertilizers and pesticides/herbicides to waste collection sites.
- **Permeability**
 - Do a compaction test & soil test – info at www.oceanfriendlygardens.org

- Aerate compacted soil (especially turf)
- Allow leaves to stay where they fall or apply mulch (free tree trimmings)
- Retention
 - Identify downspouts and direct them into your landscape or rain barrel/cistern (install rain gutters if you don't have them)
 - Create gaps in hardscape (driveway, walkways, patio)

In addition to notes you might have taken in the Basics Class, you can refer to:

- OFG book – buy at OFG events & online: www.oceanfriendlygardens.org.
- DIY info on the National OFG website – www.oceanfriendlygardens.org.
- Rebate information – on water district websites & www.bewaterwise.com
- Local resources – SD Surfrider website: www.ofg-sandiego.blogspot.com
- Hire a professional to do a site evaluation, create a design and do the installation. Lists of professionals can be found on:
 - G3's website www.greengardensgroup.com
 - Association of Landscape Professionals www.apld.com
 - California Landscape Contractors Association www.clca.org
 - American Society of Landscape Architects www.asla.org

For those without space at home to garden

Volunteer with the SD Chapter OFG Sub-Com't or help a neighbor create an OFG.

Low Impact Develop (LID) – OFG is a sub-set of this larger category. Here's info:

- Surfrider - <http://www.surfrider.org/a-z/lid.php>
- City of Encinitas Stormwater Manual:
<http://www.cityofencinitas.org/Government/CityD/EngineeringSDL/Clean+Water+Program/StormwaterManual/>

Public resources

(Contact your city & water district for programs offered)

Incentives

SDWD & OMWD - Online applications accepted at www.socalwatersmart.com for:

- Rotating Nozzles for Pop-Up Spray Heads: 25 unit minimum per site - \$3/nozzle
- Weather Based Irrigation Controller (WBIC), under 1 acre property - \$85
- Please see the Smart Landscape Program section for Residential Surveys

City of San Diego residents only – turf removal & irrigation rebate apps. started Sept. 1

San Diego County residents only – Rain Barrel Events sale on August 28.

Public Demonstration Gardens, Educational Programs & Products

- San Diego Botanic Garden (aka Quail Garden) - www.sdbgarden.org (classes, plus 3 large rain barrels installed there)
- The Garden at Cuyamaca College – www.thegarden.org (classes, exhibits)
- Solana Center – www.solanacenter.org (composting classes and bins)

Plants and Nurseries – Las Pilitas Nursery can help you Identify plants by your zip code: www.laspilitas.com. Avoid invasive plants: www.cal-ipc.org. Plant lists, local nurseries and annual native plant sale through the Cal Native Plant Society/San Diego: www.cnpssd.org. Annual sale on Saturday, October 16 at Balboa Park, Casa del Prado Theater Courtyard (monthly meetings there: 3rd Tuesdays).

City codes – check for major redevelopment and new development & for large slopes.